

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1) A clear stable one phase solution that is non-irritating and resistant to freezing comprising:
 - a) between about 30% and about 50% water;
 - b) propylene glycol;
 - c) 2-propanol or ethanol; and
 - d) hydrocortisone in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 2.0% (w/v), wherein said hydrocortisone is solubilized in said water.
- 2) The solution of claim 1 wherein said water is present in an amount sufficient to expand an ear wick a therapeutically effective amount when from 1 to 7 drops of the solution are administered to the ear canal.
- 3) The solution of claim 1 further comprising chloroxylenol in an amount of between about 0.1% (w/v) and about 0.4% (w/v).
- 4) The solution of claim 1 further comprising chloroxylenol in an amount of about 0.1% (w/v).
- 5) The solution of claim 1 further comprising pramoxine in an amount of between about 0.5% (w/v) and about 2.0% (w/v).
- 6) The solution of claim 1 further comprising pramoxine in an amount of about 1.0% (w/v).
- 7) The solution of claim 1 further comprising chloroxylenol in an amount of between about 0.1% (w/v) and about 0.4% (w/v) and pramoxine in an amount of between about 0.5% (w/v) and about 2.0% (w/v).
- 8) The solution of claim 1 wherein said propylene glycol is present in an amount of between about 35% (v/v) and about 65% (v/v).
- 9) The solution of claim 1 wherein said ethanol or 2-propanol is present in an amount of between about 10% (v/v) and about 80% (v/v).

- 10) The solution of claim 2 wherein:
 - a) said 2-propanol or ethanol is present in an amount of between about 10% (v/v) and about 80% (v/v),
 - b) said propylene glycol is present in an amount of between about 35% (v/v) and about 65% (v/v), and
 - c) said water is present in an amount of between about 30% (v/v) and about 50% (v/v).
- 11) The solution of claim 1 further comprising propylene glycol diacetate in an amount of between about 0.01% (w/v) and about 0.5% (w/v).
- 12) The solution of claim 1 further comprising propylene glycol diacetate in an amount of about 0.01% (w/v).
- 13) The solution of claim 1 further comprising mineral oil.
- 14) A clear stable one phase solution that is non-irritating and resistant to freezing comprising:
 - a) greater than about 33% water;
 - b) propylene glycol;
 - c) 2-propanol or ethanol; and
 - d) hydrocortisone in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 2.0% (w/v), wherein said hydrocortisone is solubilized in said water.
- 15) The solution of claim 14 further comprising chloroxylenol in an amount of between about 0.1% (w/v) and about 0.4% (w/v).
- 16) The solution of claim 14 further comprising chloroxylenol in an amount of about 0.1% (w/v).
- 17) The solution of claim 14 further comprising pramoxine in an amount of between about 0.5% (w/v) and about 2.0% (w/v).
- 18) The solution of claim 14 further comprising pramoxine in an amount of about 1.0% (w/v).

- 19) The solution of claim 14 further comprising chloroxylenol in an amount of between about 0.1% (w/v) and about 0.4% (w/v) and pramoxine in an amount of between about 0.5% (w/v) and about 2.0% (w/v).
- 20) The solution of claim 14 wherein said propylene glycol is present in an amount of between about 35% (v/v) and about 65% (v/v).
- 21) The solution of claim 14 wherein said ethanol or 2-propanol is present in an amount of between about 10% (v/v) and about 80% (v/v).
- 22) The solution of claim 14 further comprising propylene glycol diacetate in an amount of between about 0.01% (w/v) and about 0.5% (w/v).
- 23) The solution of claim 14 further comprising propylene glycol diacetate in an amount of about 0.01% (w/v).
- 24) The solution of claim 14 further comprising mineral oil.